

Appl. No. 10/003,012
Amdt. dated November 7, 2005
Reply to Office Action of January 13, 2006

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The amendments to the claims in this Amendment After Final should be entered because, as discussed below, the amendments clearly place all claims in condition for allowance. (See MPEP § 714.12.)

In the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 7, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mori (Japanese Patent No. JP405264590, hereinafter "Mori"). Additionally, the Examiner identified claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16, 35-45, and 49-51 as allowable and objected to claims 28-29, 31, and 46-48 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 27, 29, 31, 46, and 47 have been so amended and therefore should be in condition for allowance. Any other claims – namely, claim 28 – has been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, as amended, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16, 27, 29-31, 35-41, and 45-51 are pending in the application (although claims 32-34 and 42-44 are withdrawn). As discussed above, as amended, all of the claims have been identified by the Examiner as allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the cited references do not anticipate nor make obvious the claim set provided herein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application. Applicants also request that the withdrawn claims (claims 32-34 and 42-44), which depend from now presumably allowable claims, be rejoined and examined. (See MPEP 809.)

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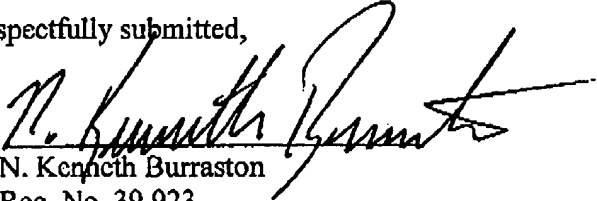
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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 323-5934.

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